Views of non-Congress (I) Chief Ministers on Ninth Finance Commission's Report

1587. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-Congress Chief Ministers are totally dissatisfied with the application of a 'normative' approach of the Ninth Finance Commission as published in the Financial Express of the 29th January, 1989, and if so, what is the Government's response thereto; and

(b) whether Centre-State relations have become further complicated and received a set back due to Central Government's inflexible and partisan approach to national problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala and West Bengal are reported to have had a meeting in Calcutta on 28-1-1989, at the end of which they met the Press and issued a statement adopted at the meeting.

The Statement refers to the norms adopted by the Ninth Finance Commission for assessing revenue resources as "arbitrary, in equitous and negligent of the special problems of the States."

As is the usual practice, the Central Government has accepted most of the recommendations of the Finance Commission.

Power Plants pending clearance from environment angle

1588. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of proposals for setting up power plants are pending for want of environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the Statewise details of power plants pending for such clearance as on 31st December, 1988; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Thirty five Thermal Power Projects and seven Hydro-Electric Power Projects are pending clearance as on 31st December, 1988. This is due to non-submission of requisite information by the project authorities. A statement giving Statewise break-up is annexed (See below).

(c) The normal time frame for the clearance of a project is three months from the date of receipt of complete information from the project authorities.

Statement

A. ELECTRICITY BOARDS/OTHER (STATE SECTOR)

Madhya Pradesh

1. Mand Thermal Power Station (2x210 MW)
2. Gas Turbine Station near Gwalior (3x100 MW)
3. Gunt Gas Turbine Power Station (3x100 MW+1x150 MW)
4. Jhabua Gas Turbine Power Station (3x100 MW+1x150 MW)
5. Rajgarh Gas Turbine Power Station (3x100 MW+1x150 MW)
6. Amarkantak Thermal Power Station (3x100 MW+x150 MW)